

After the Sugar Trust.

Hathaway Quoted from Mr. Meyer's Own Words in the Hearing Before the Ways and Means Committee.

(Continued from last issue.)

That the sugar trust was organized with a view of controlling the price of output of sugar in the United States.

That in the effort to control the price of output of sugar, the policy of the trust has been to crush all forms of competition. That according to Mr. Meyer this act of crushing is an act of the competitors, not of the trust.

That the present capacity of the refineries owned by the trust is more than sufficient to supply the entire consumption in the United States.

That having gained control of the sugar business, Mr. Meyer thinks it is then fair to get out of the country all he can. That he does not care for ethics, and that he does not know enough of them to apply them.

That in times past the effect of the sugar trust has been to raise the price of sugar beyond the rates in vogue during the period of active competition.

That of the \$60,000,000 capital of the American Sugar Refining Company, fully 60 per cent. is water; since its organization the trust has raised an annual payment of 10 per cent. on all stock; that the per cent. of dividends has been increased when the price of raw sugar has been low; that in Mr. Meyer's own statement the amount of business done in his company, their net profits in 1901 were \$20,000,000, which is approximately 33 per cent. of the actual cost of rebuilding all his refineries new.

That the sugar trust would be the greatest and greatest beneficiary of any action of the tariff on raw sugar, and that this trust is strongly in favor of the adoption of all such duties.

That the sugar trust can bear the sugar market and thereby obtain a handsome profit over other refiners of raw sugar.

That the sugar trust is openly and avowedly in favor of acquiring Cuba, and that until such acquisition shall have been accomplished they are in favor of free raw sugar.

Chairman. Do you remember when the National Sugar Refining Company went into business?

Mr. Hathaway. When they were organized?

Chairman. Yes.

Mr. Hathaway. I cannot answer that, Chairman. Which went in first, the buckle or the National?

Mr. Hathaway. I think the National is the first one; that is, as I remember.

As far as the way they operate at present time is concerned, they are harmonious.

Chairman. And in the first instance was competition?

Mr. Hathaway. Yes, until—as I understand it—they increased the capital from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, and increased was to be used, according to the Industrial Commission, in buying their competitors. There had been competition in 1890, and this competition must be gotten rid of.

Chairman. But after that the buckles and another company went in?

Mr. Hathaway. I could not answer that, Chairman.

Chairman. It was somewhere about 1890?

Mr. Hathaway. I think so, Chairman. I notice in 1897 the difference between raw and refined sugar was 1 cent per hundred; in 1898 it was 2 cents per hundred; in 1899 it was 3 cents per hundred; in 1900 it rose to 4 cents.

Mr. Hathaway. Yes, sir.

Chairman. That was the time they got together, except the Arbuckles, is it not?

Mr. Hathaway. Yes; and they have together since.

Chairman. And now the Arbuckles are at the same price that the American Sugar Refining Company sell?

Mr. Hathaway. Yes; but there is an occasional cut.

Chairman. Is there any other customer that buys the Cuban product, the bulk of it, except the American Sugar Refining Company?

Mr. Hathaway. No, sir; they buy it, Chairman. Suppose a reduction was made on the raw sugar coming from Cuba to the United States of one-half a cent a pound; what other customer would there be for Cuban raw sugar in these refining companies?

Mr. Hathaway. None, sir.

Chairman. Under such circumstances you would be able to make the price on the sugar refining company or the Cuban planters?

Mr. Hathaway. I think the American Sugar Refining Company.

Chairman. Why?

Mr. Hathaway. Because the Cubans have no other market to ship their sugar and the trust has an immense other market from which they can buy it.

Mr. Newlands. You said that some of the best sugar companies in Michigan had a dividend of 10 per cent. for the last three years. How many companies have done that?

Mr. Hathaway. One.

Mr. Newlands. And how many other companies are there?

Mr. Hathaway. Twelve others.

Mr. Newlands. How many of them have paid any dividends?

Mr. Hathaway. I think there are four, and possibly there is a fifth.

Mr. Newlands. Can you state what dividends they have declared?

Mr. Hathaway. All the way from 5 cent to 8 per cent. That is the way they understand it.

Mr. Metcalf. That is on the amount capital actually invested, as I understand it?

Mr. Hathaway. Yes. As far as the actual invested is concerned, their price for buildings and factory is \$60 per ton of daily capacity. If you put up a factory with a daily capacity of 600 tons it will cost \$60,000 to build it.

Mr. Robertson. Is there any watered stock in these factories?

Mr. Hathaway. Not a dollar of watered stock in any Michigan factory. (The End.)

OUR PHILIPINO BOYS.

Two Letters from the Former Superintendent of Our Public Schools.

The two letters as printed below, were received this week, from E. A. Codrington, formerly of our public schools. The composition by the Philippine boy and the letter of excuse are both written very clearly, far better than the average American boy or man can write.

CAPAZ, PANAY, P. I., Jan. 5, 1902.

MR. CHAS. F. BROWN,

Editor, ALMA RECORD,

Alma, Michigan,

DEAR SIR:—

Monday last, Dec. 30th, while laying in waiting on the government launch "Yuan Hung," before our departure for Manila, I availed myself of the first opportunity to read the RECORD of Nov. 15th, just received.

Speaking of the Philippine lads, I enclosed a short original composition handed to me by a full blood Visayan boy, on the events of the Fiesta or feast days of Capiz patron saints. I hand it to you without correction, print it as it comes from the mind and hand of the writer. This boy has been under my charge since about Sept. 23rd, last. This work will not only give you some idea of what a Philippine boy can do in penmanship, English grammar and general composition, but also a short description of the passing of a few days in Capiz.

I have a pleasant place, Capiz is a city of about 25,000 people. I am deputy division superintendent of schools in charge of this province, am furnished free transportation on government launches and transports, also have free use of cables and telegraph lines for official business and a one-half rate for private messages. I am not suffering from any of the needs of life. Judging from the ideas held pretty generally in the states before I left and from the articles in the newspapers since my arrival here, I do not hesitate to say that the people of the United States have no conception of the actual condition of things as they exist in these islands.

The future of the Philippines and the Philippines can scarcely be predicted.

Most respectfully yours,

E. A. CODRINGTON.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

I.

THE MASS IN THE CHURCH.

Last Tuesday we had a high mass in the Church because was the celebration of the Patron St. of this town.

The mass was said by three Padres and there many people who had attended it, not only the people of this town but many others who came from different places and even the Americans too.

The Church and the altars have been flowered and furnished up of many beautiful things.

Mr. Acuña's family sang some beautiful mass song last Tuesday and was accompanied with the Orchestra of this town.

Different families have been singing in the church for every evening of nine days before the holiday came because was for the novena of the Patron St.

The day of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated to all the Catholics Churches.

The mass was so long and it is always on feast days that the mass should be long because the Padre has lots of things to do.

There were many Padres who had said their masses here because they were invited by Padre Santos.

II.

THE PROCESSION.

The Procession had Commenced from six to seven and there were many people who went with it.

The image of St. Mary was carried from the Church to all over the town.

The Patron St. was attended by the Padre the Governor some of the men in the Municipality Council and many other people.

The whole people went with a candle lighted on their hands.

Three policemen on horseback were going in front of the Procession.

III.

THE FEEDING OF THE POOR.

On the first day the poor had their dinner in front of the Governor's Palace and on the second day they had in front of the Tribunal.

The government gave them lots kinds of food so they had a pretty good dinner. The poor hoped that the government will give them again next year.

The poor ate lots of beans, rice, meat and many other things.

Each poor after they finished their dinner they said thanks to the government because it is always they say when you give them something.

IV.

THE CIRCUS.

That circus was composed of five or six men.

Those people did not work very well because their games were only foolish.

One men when he walked to the roop he fell down.

V.

THE THEATRE.

The theatre makes the people happy

because although I paid a peso for my seat last Tuesday night but I was very contented.

All those people who took part in the Theatre were painted their faces.

The best Program I liked at that play is the Indian because Miss Toledo did very well in her part and the others too.

The part of Miss Maria Andrada and Mr. Alba they had to drink too much wine so it made them drunk.

Mr. Laserna cried behind his daughter because she dimayed.

The room where they played were painted with some fine colors.

Miss Tovita dressed fine with some diamonds on her head and on her neck.

I liked Miss Maria's part because she danced and sung with a pretty tune.

Mr. Alba when he was a servant he received three kicks from Mr. Laserna, LEBDOVICO.

CAPIZ, PANAY, P. I., Jan. 8, 1902.

MR. BROWN,

Alma, Michigan,

DEAR SIR:—

The enclosed note just came to my hands this evening from a boy, Manuel Dadas by name, whose father was placed in jail last night and taken to Mayon today as the result of a political intrigue. It is now near election time and the boy's father is one of the aspirants for the governorship of this province. I trust you will do me the favor to publish this note and the composition which I enclosed to you a few days ago, just as they are written without correction, as I believe they will give you a better idea of what these boys are doing now and what they can do in the future, better than anything I might write or say.

Sincerely yours, as always, for the cause of education,

E. A. CODRINGTON.

MY DEAR TEACHER:—

I have not entered in the class today because my father is not here he went to Mayon and this morning he was in the cell, but tomorrow I shall enter in the class.

Your truly,

MANUEL DADAS.

Literary Notes.

The never-failing complete novel of Lippincott's Magazine for March is a brilliant story by Francis Willing Wharton, who, despite the masculine spelling of her name, is said to be a lady of social rank in Philadelphia.

This short novel is written with a contagious dash, as much of her previous work has been, and tells of the adventures of a young woman of fashion who wanted more thrilling experiences than those furnished by the afternoon tea-table or the monotonous ball-room.

She carried on a wild flirtation with the elderly uncle of her true lover and as a final stroke masqueraded in his company at a country-fair. This brought comedy near to a tragic end and secured sound punishment for the old bean; but it brought the twain together whom nature had ordained for each other and ended the story in a breeze. There is a simplicity and charm about Mrs. Wharton's stories that win them enduring friends.

In variety and value of contents the March number of The Smart Set is the best yet issued of this magazine, which has established itself as the most important exponent of contemporary fiction.

"Araby," a novelette by the Honorable von Hutten heads the number. The story is one of great charm, it is as realistic as romantic and it conveys in crisp dialogue and movement vivid pictures of modern life in phases as numerous as are the characters of this narrative. There is a lesson in "Araby," and that a powerful one; but there is always, first and always, the story itself, vital and human, the story of an unusual passion in which the instinct of the primitive savage and the conditions of our twentieth-century civilization meet and war.

The author has achieved a work of fiction at once absolutely distinctive and wholly fascinating. It is one of the best novels yet published in The Smart Set. In so saying we give it the highest praise.

The March number of the Woman's Home Companion opens with a charming description of "The coming of spring," by Ernest Harold Baynes. "Wireless Telegraphy" is explained by an expert; and another timely article deals with "The First President of the Cuban Republic."

The paper on "Courtship and Marriage Customs in Many Lands" is a most queer ceremony of the Hindu and Parsee. There is a thrilling installment of "Deeds of Heroism of Women in the Civil War." The fiction includes stories by Clinton Ross, Will Payne and Tracy Earle. A new feature is "Thumb-nail Editorials" by famous women.

There is an article on the new game, Ping-pong; there are stories for children and many pages of Easter fashions. Published by The Crowell & Kirkpatrick Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy; sample copy free.

Local Option Meetings.

Friday, March 7—Bethany Grange Hall. Speakers, J. R. Wootton, and W. K. Spencer.

Friday, March 7—Bethany M. E. church. Speakers, A. B. Bowman and O. P. DaFoe.

Friday, March 7—Riverdale church. Speaker, N. T. Hafer.

N. T. HAFFER, Sec'y.

WELL WORTH KNOWING.

Facts Not Fiction—Weak Nerves—All Run Down—Constant Headaches—Sleep Not Restful—A Victim Gives the Road to Health.

Mr. George McClellan of State st., Alma, Mich., says: "Last spring I procured a box of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills at Sharrar & Mulholland's drug store and used them. I found them an excellent tonic and strengthening medicine. I rested better in every way. I have no hesitation in recommending them to others."

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A New Departure.

Every since the early talking machine was created and made practically by the inventors of the Graphophone who equipped it with wax cylinders, hundreds of plans have been devised for constructing some permanent mould or "master record" from which duplicate records could be produced in any number and at any future time, no matter how remote. The history of these futile attempts during the past ten or twelve years would make a book. Ingenious men in Europe, as well as America, have tried to attain this result which has generally been conceded to be the particular consummation most devoutly to be wished in connection with the graphophone business, but all efforts have failed until recently when the Columbia Phonograph Company perfected a metal record mould for which patents have now been issued. By this new and greatly simplified manner of making not only is the product vastly improved, the harsh metallic grating sounds being entirely obviated, but when once a song, a speech, a musical selection or anything else has been cast in the metal mould it may be reproduced on millions of wax cylinders, if need be, and at any time near or remote. Had, for example, the striking speech made by President McKinley, at Buffalo, just prior to his assassination, been only taken and preserved by this new method, copies of it, on regular graphophone cylinders might have been supplied to every person in the United States and to the dwellers in all other countries where such records might be desired.

Hitherto the multiplication of graphophone records from the original was very limited, even under the most favorable circumstances. The master records so called, were in the nature of things, comparatively few in number and from them only a certain number of copies was possible, while the tendency was for these to possess less volume than the originals from which they were made. By the new method every record made is fully equal to the original and their appearance on the market is causing a sensation. It is now possible for any singer, orator or musician to make a record that can be transformed into a metal one capable of being preserved for all time and from which copies can be made in any number, whenever desired. The very words and tones of a speaker, and the voices of those who sing on any private or public occasion can be permanently enshrined. In short, the end for which so many have been striving has, at last, been achieved by the Columbia Phonograph Company and by this present triumph they move forward another long step in advance.

Village Council.

ALMA, MICH., February 25, 1902.

Regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Alma in office of President Bahke on above date.

Present—President Bahke, Trustees Hannan, Dadas and Fishers.

Absent—Trustees Montiel and Hayt.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and on motion approved.

On motion the following approved bills were allowed at footing and clerk instructed to draw orders for same:

John J. Vermeulen, work on water works \$ 1 12

Freight bill on supplies for water works 1 30

Grand Rapids Meter Box Co. meter boxes 6 50

A. Gaudin, highway order 1 00

G. E. W. Smith, water 1 00

On motion all unapproved bills read by the clerk were referred to the committee on claims.

On motion the bill of H. J. Vermeulen for groceries \$21.75

On motion the bill of H. W. Edson for groceries was allowed at footing \$23.00

On motion the bill of P. J. & Co. for groceries was allowed at footing \$22.00

On motion the bill of Hayt & Fishers Co. for groceries was allowed at footing \$22.50

On motion the bill of P. J. & Co. for meat was allowed at footing \$12.00

On motion the bill of Jesse Wheeler, plumber for quarantined family was allowed at footing \$10.00

On motion the bill of P. M. Smith for labor done on water works was allowed at \$1.12

Motion made by Trustee Hayt supported by Trustee Thompson to report the claim of \$23.00 presented by Vint Richards for use of house during time of quarantine of Mr. Adams.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Trustees Hannan, Montiel, Hannan, Thompson, Hayt and Fishers.

Nays: None.

The communication relating to the Vermeulen and Richards bills referred to the committee on claims at next regular meeting was referred back by the committee without recommendation.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson supported by Trustee Fishers that Wm. A. Bahke, attorney, be retained to defend the Village of Alma in the damage suit of Henrietta Willard.

Motion carried.

On motion the petition for the removal of the best pump deposited in the S. East section of the village on claim at set regular meeting was referred back by the committee without recommendation.

On motion the annual report of the Village Treasurer was received, adopted and ordered published.

On motion chief of fire dept. was authorized to purchase forty exempt certificates for the fire department.

On motion the President and Clerk were authorized to make a loan of \$500.00 to be deposited to the general fund, payable in five months.

On motion council adjourned.

W. A. BAHKE, President.

W. W. KIRCH, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST STATE BANK OF ALMA, MICHIGAN, at the close of business, February 22nd, 1902, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$135,586.66

Bonds, mortgages and securities 49,418.64

Overdrafts 47.17

Furniture and fixtures 500.00

Due from other banks and banks 276.51

Due from banks in reserve cities \$636.54

U. S. and National Bank Cur. 1,815.00

Gold coin 725.00

Silver coin 122.18

Notes and cash 97.14

Receivables 8,444.62

Revenue account 117.30

Total 270,774.19

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$ 30,000.00

Surplus fund 2,418.64

Overdrafts 47.17

Commercial deposits 11,218.88

Savings certificates 12,020.31

Total 270,774.19

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

COURT OF GRANT.

Elly Brewster, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day of March, 1902.

JOHN S. KROEBER, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest.

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ALL WRONG.

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Don't mistake the cause of backache. To be cured you must know the cause. It is wrong to imagine relief is cure. Backache is kidney ache.

You must cure the kidneys. An Alma resident tells you how this can be done.

Veteran Samuel J. Currence, of River St., says: "I had considerable difficulty with my back and kidneys for ten years. Six years ago I went hunting; the weather was very disagreeable cold, and wet. I caught an awful cold, it settled in my kidneys, and I was laid up for three months. I was in terrible pain. I paid one doctor over a hundred dollars for that stage of sickness. The kidney secretions acted too frequent, at different times contained blood, and the burning and scalding sensation was almost unbearable. Often I had to get up fifteen or twenty times a night, for I could lie only a few minutes at a time. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I made up my mind to try them and got a box at Bivins & Rhodes' drug store. They proved to be the most effective remedy I ever used. They relieved the backache and checked the urinary difficulties to a very great extent. My wife had kidney trouble also for a good many years. She used Doan's Kidney Pills and received very beneficial results. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to a number of people. The remedy does all that is claimed for it."

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